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1 - Perry signs measure creating water fund into law, KVUE, 5/28/13

<http://www.kvue.com/news/local/Perry-signs-measure-creating-water-fund-into-law-209219671.html>

Gov. Rick Perry has signed into law the creation of a state fund to finance new water projects he says will help spark \$30 billion worth of infrastructure spending in the next 50 years. More...

2 - Arkansas quake swarms rattle nerves, raise questions, CNN, 5/27/13

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/05/26/us/arkansas-quake-swarms>

Three dozen earthquakes over the past week in central Arkansas shook shelves, rattled nerves and prompted speculation about their cause. "Are they being triggered or are they natural? That's something we don't know," Arkansas Geological Survey scientist Scott Ausbrook said Sunday. More...

3 - EPA keeping seismic report on drilling under wraps, EENEWS, 5/28/13

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/stories/1059981840/print>

U.S. EPA is keeping secret its study on earthquakes linked to oil and gas drilling. In a letter this week, the agency refused a request from EnergyWire to release the study under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). It deemed the report "pre-decisional" and cited the law's exemption for "deliberative privilege." More...

4 - MEDIA ADVISORY, Galveston County Hurricane Exercise, 5/28/13

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management (GCOEM), in concert with certain of its emergency management partner jurisdictions, agencies and organizations, will be conducting a full-scale hurricane exercise during the daylight hours of this Wednesday and Thursday (May 29 and 30, 2013). More...

5 - 'Active' permit sought for mine, ABQ, 5/29/13

<http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2013/05/29/news/active-permit-sought-for-mine.html>

A uranium mine near Grants that's been idle for 23 years is seeking a shift in its permit status to "active," although it wouldn't produce any uranium for years and critics are questioning the about-face. More...

6 - City Council to consider reclaimed water plan, SantaFeNM, 5/28/13

http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/article_9b50d244-83c9-503f-97d6-017ac11d67fd.html

City officials say they will now use the industry-preferred term reclaimed wastewater because it better recognizes value of "a product that begins as a waste product, and through extensive primary, secondary and tertiary treatment and disinfection, results in a product that can be reused for more purposes." More...

7 - More than 30 earthquakes felt near Morrilton in past week, THV11, 5/28/13

<http://www.thv11.com/news/article/267024/2/More-than-30-earthquakes-felt-near-Morrilton-in-past-week>

-- Dozens of recent earthquakes have scientists wondering what's causing such a spike in seismic activity here in Arkansas. More...

8 - Assumption sinkhole lawsuits now total eight filed so far, BRADV, 5/29/13

<http://theadvocate.com/home/6099935-125/assumption-sinkhole-lawsuits-now-total>

Lawyers working with environmental activist Erin Brockovich filed a lawsuit seeking damages on behalf of residents and businesses under evacuation orders for more than nine months as a result of the Assumption Parish sinkhole. More...

9 - Baton Rouge to host hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, NOLA, 5/29/13

http://www.nola.com/news/baton-rouge/index.ssf/2013/05/baton_rouge_hazardous_waste_re.html#incart_river

Got old pesticides, latex paint or fluorescent bulbs taking up space in your garage? East Baton Rouge Parish residents can get rid of those and other hazardous materials at a city-parish Household Hazardous Materials collection day

scheduled for Saturday. More...

10 - \$30 million crude oil terminal at Port of New Orleans to start receiving shipments next week, NOLA, 5/28/13

http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2013/05/30_million_crude_oil_terminal.html#incart_river

A new terminal that will receive shipments of crude oil by rail from Canadian and U.S. locations and send it by barge to refineries is slated to begin operating next week at the Port of New Orleans, a development that some say further cements Louisiana's position as a logistics hub amid the expansion of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. More...

11 - Fiscal crisis is disaster number two for West, Texas, YNN, 5/28/13

http://waco.ynn.com/content/top_stories/292177/fiscal-crisis-is-disaster-number-two-for-west--texas

The final state budget will send some money to the city of West—the North Texas community that's still recovering from last month's fertilizer plant explosion which left 15 dead and 200 more injured. More...

12 - Drought-parched Texas approves \$2B water conservation plan, EENEWS, 5/29/13

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2013/05/29/stories/1059981904>

HOUSTON -- A bill to ensure future water supplies for fast-growing Texas was signed into law yesterday in an effort to make the state more resilient to droughts. More...

13 - Texas oil and gas commission gets last-minute extension, EENEWS, 5/29/13

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/05/29/stories/1059981908>

HOUSTON -- For the second time in a row, moves to overhaul this state's oil and gas overseer have faltered, so instead lawmakers have kicked the can down the road for another legislature to deal with. More...